Subject No. 35.

Railway from Benkipur to Koppa.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao of Chikmagalur Taluk.

Extension of the Railway to Manantoddy, Tellicherry, Cannanore and Mercara.

Mr. Sankaraiya of Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Nanjangud-Erode Railway.

Mr. N. Srikantiah of the Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) If a branch line of railway be opened from Benkipur to Koppa, it will afford facility to many to visit the important place of pilgrimage, *viz.*, Sringeri, and to export Malnad produce freely. There are no rivers to be bridged.

(*b*) The extension of the railway to Manantoddy, Tellicherry, Cannanore and Mercara is very desirable. It will greatly help the passenger and goods traffic and facilitate the import and export in large quantities of the timber produce of the Malabar and Heggaddevankote jungles.

(*c*) The construction of the Nanjangud-Erode Railway may be started at once as it will considerably help trade. The matter is pending for a very long time.

Reply of Government.—These lines are all under investigation. They can only be taken up one by one, as funds permit.

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Subject No. 36.

Remission of Khalsat on inams.

Messrs. M. Venkatkrishniah, M. Anantharajaiya, N. Srikantiah, C. Krishniengar of the Mysore City Municipality, and C. Veerathgowda of Chikmagalur Taluk, and Sreenivasamurthi of Gorur, Hassan Taluk, and Venkatramiah of Seringapatam Taluk and Nanjundasetti of Krishnarajpete Taluk, and D. Dasappa of Nelamangala Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Bramhadaya and Devadaya inams were originally granted for religious and charitable objects. The collection of *khalsat* imposed on Devadaya lands was ordered by the late Dewan to be held in abeyance since 1895-96, and the consequence is that large balances are being shown year by year in the accounts. It is requested that, with a view to the conditions of the grants being fulfilled, the levy of khalsat on both Devadaya and Bramhadaya lands be abolished in future, and the arrears of khalsat on the former be remitted.

Reply of Government.—On a consideration of the whole question, and in order to foster service in the temples rendered for the prosperity of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Government have decided to wipe off the uncollected balance of Devadaya khalsat, and to direct that the levy of the same be discontinued in future. It is not possible, however, to deal similarly with the khalsat on Bramhadaya lands, which will continue to be levied as heretofore.

Subject No. 37.

Supervision of temples.

Messrs. M. Venkatkrishniah, M. Anantharajaiya, N. Srikantiah, C. Krishniengar of the Mysore City Municipality, and A. Anniah Pandit, and D. Narasimhaiya of Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Temples and *Maths* should be brought under Committee management. For want of such management several institutions (such as the Ahobala *Matha*) are in bad condition, and their revenues mis-spent. The Taluk Amildars should make enquiries as to whether the conditions on which inam lands were granted for religious and charitable institutions and for service therein are duly fulfilled and take suitable notice of all breaches and non-fulfilment of the conditions on which the grants were made. Jamabandi Officers should likewise be enjoined to satisfy themselves during the jamabandi whether the conditions of the grant have been duly observed. [One member, Mr. Venkatakrishnayya suggested that where funds of such

institutions are mismanaged, the same may be diverted to educational purposes.]

Reply of Government.—The matter will be looked into. It must at the same time be pointed out that all institutions which could well be entrusted to private management have already been so dealt with, and only the rest are under Government supervision.

Subject No. 38.
Exemption from assessment of endowment lands.

Messrs. Amble Anniah Pandit and D. Narsimiah of Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Lands endowed by donors for the maintenance of temples and chattrams newly built by them may be exempted from the entire or half the assessment on such lands, provided they are placed under the management of Government. Such exemption has been made in the case of several institutions in the past. [Two instances were cited (1) of lands worth about Rs. 10,000 being assigned for an Annachattram in Yedatore by one Chowdaiya and (2) of one Chowkhalli Sidlingasetti of the same taluk having left Rs. 15,000 for charitable purposes.] The Deputy Commissioners may be authorized to entertain complaints regarding the mismanagement of existing religious and charitable institutions for which an endowment of lands has been made and to rectify all irregularities.

Reply of Government.—Enquiries will be made into the specific cases brought to notice, and any feasible concessions granted.

Subject No. 39.
Dharmakartas for private temples.

Mr. K. Shamanna of Kankanhalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The assignment of inam lands in favor of private temples has created a tendency in the *Archaks* to misappropriate the produce thereof. The evil should be rectified by appointing two Dharmakartas to supervise the work of *Archaks*.

Reply of Government.—Individual instances if brought to notice will be enquired into. It is not possible to pass general orders.

Subject No. 40.
Alienation of temple lands.

Messrs. Venkataramaniah of Seringapatam Taluk and Srinivasamurthi of Gorur.

Summary of discussion.—Many temples have got inam and kandayam lands. The pattas of these lands being in the names of *pujaris*, they dispose of them by sale or otherwise and allow the temples to decay. An investigation may be made into such improper alienations and steps taken for the restitution of temple lands. Where the lands stand in the name of a temple, the *archaka* enjoys the same professing to be *kadim* tenant, and refuses to give them up or even to yield up any of the produce to the temple. It is prayed that this setting up of the right of *kadim* tenancy be negatived.

Reply of Government.—It is not possible to direct that all lands should be transferred to temples. Each case brought to notice will be enquired into and orders passed with regard to it.

Subject No. 41.
Increase of Tasdik to minor temples.

Mr. Anandalvar of Mandya Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The ready money *tasdik* of minor temples being small, it may be supplemented from Mohatarfa or Local Funds. These funds are not available for the benefit of the smaller villages.